

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Page 4, replace the paragraph starting at line 1 and ending at line 9 with the following paragraph.

~~This invention relates to In a gear pump [[(1)]] with variable throughput volume, with two meshed gears [[(2, 3)]] with external toothings[[,]] which are rotatably held in the working chamber [[(11)]] of a pump housing [[(4)]]], at least one of the two gears (3) being is driven from a drive shaft [[(5)]] and one of the gears [[(2)]], i.e., preferably the driven gear [[(2)]], being is shiftable in the direction of its axis [[(2')]].~~

~~In order to realize a control mechanism in a simple manner it is provided that a gap width [[(10)]] defined as the distance measured in axial direction between an essentially plane first interior side wall [[(11a)]] of the working chamber [[(11)]] of the pump housing [[(4)]] and a first font face [[(2a)]] of the shiftable gear [[(2)]], [[be]] is designed [[so as]] to be variable.~~